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SUBJECT: FMS ACTIONS FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND YAR

REF: (A) JIDDA 5143 (B) JIDDA 5556 (C) JIDDA 5563

1. YOU MAY ADVISE PRINCE SULTAN THAT ALL ITEMS REQUESTED
IN REF (A) (SUBJECT TO COMMENTS IN PARAS 5 AND 6 BELOW)
FOR THE NEW ARMS PACKAGE FOR YEMEN HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR
SALE BY THE USG.

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2. IN TERMS OF TIMING, WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO SEND YOU

P&A DATA ON THE ENTIRE PACKAGE BY THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. LETTERS OF OFFER ON ITEMS ON "URGENT" LIST (AS DEFINED IN PARA 3 REF A) AND ON THE "NOT QUITE SO URGENT" LIST (PARA 4 REF A) WILL BE POUCHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER.

3. WE ANTICIPATE SOME PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO AVAILABILITY. MANY OF THE ITEMS INVOLVED ARE NOT IN-STOCK ITEMS AND WILL HAVE TO COME FROM NEW PROCUREMENT. HENCE LONG LEAD TIMES MAY BE INVOLVED. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF DETERMINING WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE LEADTIMES.

4. AS YOU ARE AWARE, FMS ACT REQUIRES A RATHER EXTENSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING PROCEDURE TO CONGRESS. TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS WITH CONGRESS WHICH MIGHT ARISE REGARDING TRANSFER OF THIS EQUIPMENT FROM SAUDI ARABIA TO YAR WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID THE DIRECT SALE OF THESE ITEMS TO SAUDI ARABIA WHEN WE KNOW THAT SAG WOULD IMMEDIATELY TRANSFER THEM TO YEMEN. CONSEQUENTLY WE WOULD PREFER TO CONSUMMATE LETTERS OF OFFER DIRECTLY WITH YARG AS WE DID UNDER THE FIRST YEMEN ARMS PACKAGE (UAA, UAB) IN LIEU OF CONSUMMATING THE LETTERS OF OFFER WITH SAUDI ARABIA. FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS WOULD, OF COURSE, BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN SAG AND YARG. TERMS OF SALE WILL BE CASH IN ADVANCE, OR CASH/DEPENDABLE UNDERTAKING.

5. THE COASTAL DEFENSE MINE READILY AVAILABLE IN US STOCKS (THE MK-82 500 LB BOMB) WOULD APPEAR TO BE OF VERY LIMITED USEFULNESS TO THE YAR. THIS MINE FUNCTIONS ONLY TO DEPTHS OF 150 FEET. THE WATERS OF THE RED SEA ARE QUITE DEEP AND THE COASTAL WATERS OFF YEMEN FALL OFF SO SHARPLY THAT THE MINES COULD NOT BE LAID FURTHER OUT THAN 500 YARDS FROM THE BEACH.

6. WHEN P&A DATA IS SENT TO YOU ON THE PACKAGE EARLY IN OCTOBER WE WILL HAVE CERTAIN QUESTIONS AS REGARDS MEDIUM TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING BOATS WILL BE ADDRESSED BY SEPTEL.

7. FOR SANAA, SECDEF HAS AUTHORIZED DEPARTMENT OF ARMY TO
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DIVERT THIRTY M151 JEEPS FROM ARMY DEPOT STOCKS FOR IMMEDIATE SALE TO YAR. TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH IN ADVANCE. LETTER OF OFFER IS NOW UNDER PREPARATION AND IS EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR POUCHING ON OR ABOUT 9 OCT 74.

8. ABOVE PROVIDED BY DOD. KISSINGER

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